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A scheme to escape in which six | The State board of pension comto dislodge coal.

Died From "Milk Sickness."

stances. The son was taken sick \$150,000 to probably \$200,00. Thursday and died Sunday. The mother sickened Saturday and expired the next night. Pearl, the youngest daughter, is still very seso fatal to the family, is commonly known as "milk sickness," and it i supposed to have been caused from drinking impure milk.

D. A. R. Meeting.

The State conference, Daughters of the American Revolution, met at Chattanooga last week. Miss Atch ison, of Cumberland Chapter, Nashville, read an interesting paper upon the subject of a State monument, in memory of the revolutionary soldiers. She gave the history of the movement, which had its origin in the suggestion of Mrs. Pilcher, of Nashville, that a monument be erect ed to the D. A. R. of the State. She reported \$75 in the treasury for the cause, and said that the interest is increasing and hopes are strong for consummation. She closed with an appeal to each chapter to help in the effort.

Whipped for Attempted Assault.

Ernest Wright, of Tipton county, took John Wooldridge, the 14-yearold negro boy who attempted to assault a 7-year-old girl, to Squire S. A. Wright's residence in District No. 8 for trial. A committee of citizens decided that the boy should be or Chambliss of Chattanooga, has soundly whipped by his father at been selected to christen the cruiser whole family of Wooldridges should launched at Elizabethport, N. J., leave the county. This program about December 20. A large crowd circuit, D. M. Evans; Bardwell and Wickwas carried out, the boy being laid of Chattanoogans, including city across a fence and while two men officials, Governor-elect Frazier and held his head and two his heels, his Congressman Moon, will attend. father laid on the lash until blood trickled down his bare back.

Patterson Pardoned.

Gov. McMillin has pardoned Chas, D. Patterson of Hamilton county, sentenced to three years for involuntary manslaughter. Patterson's sentence was recently affirmed by the Supreme Court at Knoxville. Patterson was a grocery clerk, and in a personal difficulty with a drunken man knocked him down. The fall broke his neck.

Branch Road Planned.

Citizens of Lynchburg and Tullahoma have laid before President Thomas of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, a plan for ject pertaining to agriculture and Lynchburg, a distance of twelve miles. President Thomas will consider the plan and if deemed feasible will later lay it before his directors.

Daughters of the Confederacy.

Union City now has two chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Charity Green Trevathan Chap ter, which has been in existence some with some seventy-five members.

Alleged Lynchers Released.

Again failing to secure a jury before which to try Milton Hughes, one of the men charged with the lynching of Charles Davis, the circuit court at Smithville has agreed to accept bond for Hughes, Tom and John Givens, Johnson and the two only two men were found competent. I through the shoulder blade.

State convicts were interested, was missioners, at their semi-annual discovered and thwarted at the Ten- meeting at Nashville last week addnessee branch prison at Petros. ed the names of a large number of While the convicts were leaving the pensioners to the rolls and cut off Pennsylvanit Avenue, J. M. Maxwell; Mad mines one evening, a guard observed | fourteen because of death and other | der his coat. Examining the pris- the comptroller says: "When the oner, the guard found a jug contain- foregoing are added to and stricken | P. Hamilton; Germantown and Capteville ing powder. The convict, upon be- from the roll it will stand as foling questioned, related a plot in lows Twenty-one first-class, \$300 per Grange circuit, T. N. Wilkes; Macon cir which himself and five others pro- year, \$6,300; twenty-five secondperhaps others to escape. The pow- \$152,800; one thousand five hunder was obtained from works in the | dred and seventy-four, \$162.100. It | coal mine, where blasts are prepared will be seen that this largely exceeds the appropriation of \$150,000, but were added to take up the lapses. Belmont circuit. J. C. Throgmorton; Bells A strange fatality seems to have If the next legislature doesn't inpursued the family of C. C. Para- crease the appropriation or our death Trenton station, S. L. Jewell; Trenton cir more, a well known farmer, who rate is very great, a number will lives near Drummonds, Tipton coun- have to be stricken from the roll at Bradford circuit, T. W. Hardin: Humboldt ty. His wife, Mrs. Ellen Paramore, our next June meeting." The next | station, R. W. Hood; Gadsden and Gibson, w. L. Duckworth; Maury City circuit, J. and son, Thomas Paramore, recently | legislature will be asked to increase | F. Carl; Milan circuit, Thos. McKelvey. died under rather peculiar circum- the annual appropriation from

A Peculiar Case.

A peculiar case, involving the liberty of Robert Hunt, was disposed riously ill and the father has not yet recovered from an attack of the same disease. The disease, which has been R. Bond of the criminal court of R. Bond of the crim of at Jackson last week by Judge R. Bond of the criminal court of | Hines; Medina circuit, T. S. Stratton; De mark circuit, T. H. Davis; Saulsbury ci Madison county in 1900, convicted | cult, T. J. Simmons; New Castle circuit, of murder in the second degree for tion, David Leith; Middleton Mission, U. S. shooting Charles Parker, and the McCaslin; president M. C. F. Institute, A. jury fixed the punishment at ten saunders. years' imprisonment. In some manner sentence was never passed upon him, but he went to the penitentiary and has served two years. Last week a brother of the prisoner obtained a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that Hunt was unlawfully deprived of his liberty. He was circuit, B. T. Fuzzell; Mt. Zion circuit, brought back to Jackson, and the matter heard before Judge Woods. Hunt's lawyer contended that inasmuch as he had been tried in another | Hard; Troy and Hornbeak, W. F. Harrier; court by another judge and the district changed by the last legislature, that Judge Woods did not have the right to pass sentence, and also that having been tried once he could not be tried a second time and should go free. Judge Woods held that it was within his province to pronounce the sentence, which he did, and Hunt goes back to serve the remaining eight years.

To Christen Cruiser Chattanooga.

Nellie, the little daughter of May-Squire S. A. Wright's and that the Chattanooga, which will be

Held and Shot.

At the Phosphate mines, three miles from Spring Hill, several negroes had quite a row. Henry Maury, about 18 years of age, was held by one Patterson while Fannie Crockett shot him through the head, inflicting a wound from which he died in a few hours.

Farmers' Institute.

The West Tennessee Farmers' Institute held a three days' session at Jackson last week. Over 1,000 delegates attended the sessions of the institute and much valuabe information on nearly every important suba branch road from Tullahoma to horticulture was obtained by those who attended the institute.

Coal Near Humboldt.

well on the Duff farm near Humboldt. The vein, which is about one foot thick, was struck at a depth of thirty foot. The vein which is about of thirty foot. thirty feet. The coal is of the very best quality. Mr. Duffy will investigate the find, and if it proves to be a good vein of coal, arrangements will be made for mining it.

Transferred.

N. J. Peeples and N. E. Forsythe to St. Louis conference; J. A. Greening to the Holston conference; K. S. Enochs to the South Carolina conference; I. W. Brooks to the New Mexico conference; G. W. Briggs to the Baltimore conference; J. H. Felts to North Mississippi conference; P. G. Throgmorton to Louisville conference. time, and the Leonidas Polk Chap- tigate the find, and if it proves to be ter, which was organized last week a good vein of coal, arrangements

Sad Accident. Near Springfield Elmore Wilson, farmer, was coming home from a squirrel hunt. When in sight of his house he shot a squirrel and his 7year-old son ran to pick it up. He had just raised up when his father. Southeastern lines that colonist rates who was in front of him, stepped in younger Givens in sums of \$14,000, a gully and in the fall he struck the \$10,000 and \$12,000. The bonds hammer of the gun, causing it to were made and the men released. discharge, the shot entering under In this last effort to secure a jury the boy's right arm and going

Within the Bounds of the Memphis Conference. Paris, Tenn., Nov. 24 .- The Mamphis annual conference of the Methodist Church adjourned here today at 4 p. m. Follow-

Pastors Placed for the Coming Year

Memphis District. G. T. Sullivan, presiding elder; Memphis, First Church, W. E. Thompson; Central Church, W. K. Piner; Hernando Street, G. W. Banks; Mississippi Avenue, G. W. Ev ans; Harris Memorial, G. H. Martin; ison Heights, J. C. Wilson; Lenox Church, H. C. Johnson; Olive Street and City Misthat one convict had something un- reasons. The report submitted to sion, B. S. McLemore; Springdale and Buntyn, J. J. Thomas; South Memphis, T. G. Pettigrew: Longstreet and Bethlehem, W. G T. Peeples; Collierville station, R. B Swift, L. T. Ward, supernumerary; Le cult. T. J. Featherston; Willston circuit, G. M. Barton; Arlington and Gratitude, A. posed to arrange a blast in the pris- class, \$120 per year, \$3,000; one C. Moore; Bartlett and Raleigh, T. P. Ramon or stockade, and effect an explo- thousand five hundred and twenty- sey; willington circuit, w. A. Mussen. sion which would enable them and eight third-class, \$100 per year, Vanderbilt University, J. H. Stevenson; president of Bolton College, R. C. Douglass.

Brownsville District. W. D. Jenkins, presiding elder; Brownsville station, W. W. Adams: Brownsville circuit, R. M. Klug; Dancyville circuit, J. S. Renshaw; Station and Mason, R. P. Duckworth; Braden circuit, P. A. Fowler; station, A. F. Stem : Woodville circuit. V D. Humphreys: Alamo circuit, W. H. Neal cuit, S. M. Griffin; Dyer station, W. W. Armstrong; Dyer circuit, W. A. Dungan; Jackson District.

J. W. Blackard, presiding elder; Jackson; First Church, J. H. Evans; Hayes Avenue Church, J. G. Clark: Cempbell Street Church, M. F. Leak: Middle Avenue Church, R. M. Walker; Jackson circuit, din; Fayette Corner circuit, R. E. Humphreys; Baldwin station, J. M. Scott; Montezuma circuit, E. G. Kilgore; Bemis and B. Jones; president Lane College, T. F.

H. W. Brooks, presiding elder; Dyersburg station, R. H. Mahon; Dyersburg circuit J. B. Knight; Ayers and Blue Grass, J. R. phreys; Newbern station, R. H. Pigue; Newbern circuit, J. M. Hamill; Newbern Mission, C. D. Evans; Trimble circuit, R Fowlkes circuit, C. L. Smith; Elbridge ciruit, J. B. Winsett

Union City District. G. B. Baskerville, presiding elder; Union ity station, W. J. Vaughan; Cayce circuit, S. F. Wynne: Hickman station, C. A. Waircuit, J. E. Jones; McConnell circuit, o be supplied; Jere Moss supernumerary Fulton station, E. B. Ramsey; Fulton circuit, B. F. Blackmon; Moscow eircuit, W t. Cook; Gardner circuit, E. D. Stewart supernumerary; Ralston circuit, N. W. ris; Greenfield and Brooks, E. B. Gorham; 'olumbus station, J. V. Freeman; Water Valley circuit, H. B. Terry; Kenton and

Paducah District. ah, Brondway Church, T. J. Newell; Trimble Street, J. W. Irion; Third Street, W. C J. L. Weaver; Mayfield station, J. H. Roberts; Mayfield circuit, A. C. Holder; Farmington circuit, W. A. Diggs; Arlington cir cuit, R. W. Newsom; Oak Level circult, J. C. Rudd; Briensburg circuit, W. T. Elmore: Lovelaceville circuit, W. A. Watts: Sedalia circuit, S. R. Hart. Paris District.

W. G. Hefley, presiding elder; Paris sta-on, A. J. Mendors; West Paris and Pur-P. Pritchard, supply; Crossland circuit, C. C. Bell; Murray station, L. D. Hamilton; Almo circuit, J. M. Pool, supply; Dexter circuit, Lee Sanders; Olive circuit, E. J. W. Peters; Benton, J. C. Cason; Dresden sta-ion, B. J. Russell; Gleason circuit, J. W. Joiner; Henry circuit, R. G. Holcomb; Mc-Kenzie station, W. J. Cariton; McKenzie circuit, M. T. Lowe; Big Sandy circuit, S. H. Blackwell; Manlyville circuit, T. E. Calhoun; Milan station, E. K. Brasfield; Atwood circuit, R. W. Thompson; Cottage Grove circuit W. D. Dann

Lexington District. J. W. Walters, presiding elder; Lexington J. W. Walters, presiding elder; Lexington station, T. P. Clark; Lexington circuit, C. C. Newbill; Mifflin circuit, A. N. Walker; Camden station, J. M. Plekens; Camden circuit, D. C. Johnson; Hollow Rock Mission, J. H. Witt; Huntingdon and Mount Zion, Weibon Mooney; Holladay circuit, S. C. Nunly; Wildersville Mission, J. W. Wardlow; Decaturville and Parsons, W. F. Acuff; Saltillo and Scotts Hill, A. C. Bell; Middlehurg Mission, J. T. Holly; Sardis circuit, J. J. Maynard; Adamsville circuit, T. P. Riddlek; Selmer circuit, J. B. Maynadon supply; Bethel and Selmer, J. G.

Colonists' Rates.

conference of passenger traffic officials of Southeastern and Southwestern lines was held here today at the Planters' to consider a proposition of the from Memphis to points in the Southwest be withdrawn. The Southeastern lines find that the colonist rates from Memphis used as a basing point on business to the Southwest disturb the rates from other gateways in the South and Southeast.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS. TRUE THANKSGIVING every detail of life. If so, then the and lands, a full larder and a well-

It Involves a Three-Fold Attitude Towards God.

Recognition of Dependence, of Gifts and of Obligations Essential -Thanksgiving Day Sermon by "Highway and Byway" Preacher.

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Text-"Be ye thankful!"-Col. 3:15. tomary Thanksgiving day proclamation, and the governors of most, if man pluck and determination carry- thanks always, for all things." In not all, of the states have emphasized the call to the people of this land to render unto God thanksgiving for the blessings to the nation and to the individual which have been received during the past year. Our text is in the imperative mood and, antedating the president's proclamation by something over 1,800 years, calls to recognition of God's goodness and bounty by its short, emphatic command: "Be ye thankful!"

Over a thousand years before Paul's Divinely-guided hand penned the words of our text King David issued to the kingdom, over which he ruled a Thanksgiving proclamation, fact of our dependence and recogniand I am inclined to think that Paul had been reading the one hundredth Psalm before he echoed its sentiments in his letter to the Colossians. Paul wrote primarily to the disciples of Jesus Christ, because they, above all others, should have thankful S. B. Love; Whiteville station, J. R. Har- factor in every detail of life, but David's call is to "all ye lands:"

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise: Give thanks unto Him, and bless His

For the Lord is good; His mercy endureth forever; And His faithfulness unto all genera-

In the light and spirit of the above psalm and in obedience to the command of our text, we wish to consider what are the elements of true Thanksgiving, and discover the claims which God has upon us for rendering unto Him grateful acknowledgment of blessings both individual and national, and for which one day in each year is most fittingly set apart.

as an impassable gulf. The boat thanksgiving. Let us further apply "the gates and courts of God" and loads of gifts and blessings may con- the test and endeavor to discover what | what is it to "bless His name?" build a bridge over the gulf of in- thanksgiving is recognition of de- cathedrals and temples of worship gratitude so as to afford a means pendence upon God. We will next con- throughout the world are the courts of heart to heart communication between the two; but recognition of the | blessings. blessings and the gifts, and a thankful spirit, can throw out span by span the bridge over which may flow lowship of years. The pride of the man is only exceeded by his ingratitude to God, the Creator and Ruler ments of true thanksgiving or thank-

Elements of True Thanksgiving .-First of all I believe comes recogniand in the third place, recognition of reciprocal obligations. Our text tells us to be thankful, and David's Psalm in the rare beauty of its poetic lines reveals to us what is meant | they were so enthusiastically thankful by true thankfulness. A joyful, glad strain flows through it all, because there is music in the thankful heart. not thankful enough to feed on the The opening burst of music is fol- Living Bread which was offered them. lowed in the third verse by the call Do you suppose for a minute God was to recognition of dependence, for we have not made ourselves, but "we are His people," by right of creation. famishing for the Living Bread? Un- favors, and service bestowed? Can And because this is true, "know ye doubtedly Nature's vast banqueting you answer these last two queries that the Lord, He is God: it is He hall on the mountain side where the and not be able to answer the one that hath made us," giving us a sublime recognition of the Benefactor. praises of Him Who had supplied their the parent has upon the child, God And the strains of our Thanksgiving physical need. That open-air feast has upon us, only infinitely more so. song carry us on then to a recogni- was turned into a rousing thanksgiv- "We are the sheep of His pasture." tion of the gifts and blessings re- ing service in recognition of the One We receive all things from Him. ceived, for we are "the sheep of His | Who had so graciously acted as their God has laid out the pastures of the pasture,"-the green pastures and host, but how much of their praise world and stored therein every constill waters found there given to the and thanksgiving really got above ceivable treasure for the comfort sheep-everything there for their their own heads is shown in the clos- and blessing of man. Is it strange comfort and blessing. Then comes, ing part of the chapter where we find St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 24 .- A joint in the fourth verse, recognition of not only the multitudes turning from ognize God's claims upon him? Man reciprocal obligations. "Enter into the Living Bread, but "many of His must render thanksgiving unto God His gates . . . and into His disciples went back and walked no if he would have any fellowship or courts . . . and bless His name." more with Him." When they found communion with God, and true This may appear on the surface a Jesus had not established a miraculous thanksgiving must include recognigood deal like a beautiful religious commissary department and was not tion of dependence upon God, must ceremony, without its practical ap- going to continue to feed them, their recognize God's gifts and blessings, plication to everyday life, but I be- gratitude vanished in thin air and they | the first of which is Christ Himself, lieve if we dig under the surface and scattered "every one to his own way." discover the real depth of meaning | That multitude pictures for us in ligations. Therefore, "be ye thankof this poetic recognition of obliga- miniature the world to-day. Its ful," and tions to God, we shall find that en- gratitude towards God is dependent "Praise God from Whom all blessings tering into the gates and courts of upon the loaves and fishes of mate. Praise Him all creatures here below;

Recognition of Dependence.-The which has its inspiration in material first element of true thanksgiving, things alone. or not. And if this is true of those

The recognition of this dependence hearts and recognize God as a potent things, to say that He is the Sender comes a day of thanksgiving, as unrolls the springtime of plowing and things." sowing, the summertime of growing | Recognition of Reciprocal Obligabut it is quite another thing for the dependence and recognition of gifts line of wire fences across the govern-

tion of such dependence.

least degree of fellowship and of stirred emotions of the congregation, and courts of God; give thanks unto tinue to pass from the benefactor to is true thanksgiving. We have already the recipient, but they can never seen that the first element of true

sider the recognition of the gifts and of God, and to "sit and sing the soul Recognition of Gifts and Blessings. His name! That is the world's idea, -It is a fundamental truth of mathe- and I am sorry to say it is the conmatics that the greater always con- ception of many so-called Christians, the unbroken current of kindly feel- tains the less. This is true of other but I want to tell you, in the light ing and genuine fellowship. Ingrat- things. For this reason I wish to of God's eternal truth, that the soul itude as a canker doth eat up and de- speak first of God's greatest gift to cannot prescribe limits to the courts stroy human friendships, and what mankind in the person of His Son, of God, nor can it "bless His name" is true between man and man is more | Christ Jesus, and show that all othe infinitely true between man and his gifts and blessings are contained in Maker. We need not dwell upon this | Him, and that real recognition of God's | home, in the business, in the hours point. A moment's reflection is suf- gifts and blessings cannot be apart of pleasure and recreation. "The ficient to call to mind instances in from their relationship to Christ, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness your own life, or the lives of others greatest gift. How could it be otherwith whom you are acquainted, wise? The center of God's purpose in dwell therein." God's court extends where ingratitude has wrecked Heaven and in earth is found in the to every nook and corner where hufriendships and terminated the fel- Christ; the only hope of the world man feet can tread; it spreads out rests in Christ the Crucified One. How human heart and the selfwill of an could thanksgiving to God for gifts independent spirit are the seeds from and blessings which left out the Christ which the poisonous plant of ingrat- in thought and spirit be acceptable in gates and courts of God means a itude grows. Man's ingratitude to any degree to Him? Recognition of gifts and blessings, then, as an ele- to Him which makes an honest, ment of true thanksgiving must find of the universe. What are the ele- its center in the Christ. Our text is addressed to believers on and followers ate father, a pure-hearted associate; of Jesus Christ. They are told to be thankful. God's message to the world and little, great and small, everyis not, "be thankful" for lesser gifts, body, are to give God the first place tion of dependence, and that which but, "believe on and accept" the greatis its correlative, recognition of the est gift. While the greatest gift re-Benefactor; secondly, a recognition mains unreceived and unappropriated, of the gifts and blessings, themselves. acceptable thanks cannot be rendered to God for His lesser gifts.

The multitudes ate of the loaves and fishes which passed from the Master's hand of blessing and were filled, and that they wanted to take Jesus and make Him their king, but they were pleased with the fleshly gratitude of a full stomach while the soul was

God and blessing His name have the rial prosperity. It counts its bless- Praise Him and creatures here the praise Him above, yea heavenly host; most vital connection possible with ings in dollars and cents, and houses Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost"

third element in true thanksgiving equipped wardrobe. But do you supmeans something more than religious pose God hears with pleasure its enthusiasm, more than the glad song expressions of gratitude at posseson the lips, more than the attendance sing these lesser gifts of material upon the Thanksgiving day services. things while His greatest gift of a Our president gives recognition to Saviour is being disdainfully this fact when he declares in this spurned? True thanksgiving inproclamation that, "we seek to praise volves recognition of gifts, and there Him not by words only but by deeds, can be no adequate recognition of by the way in which we do our duty to gifts which leaves out the Christ. ourselves and to our fellow men." God cannot accept thanksgiving

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whether towards man or God, is recog- The Christian has the advantage nition of the dependence of the indi- of the people of the world at every vidual upon the Benefactor for the gift turn in life, for whereas the thanksreceived. The self-made man cannot giving of the world must necessarily The president has issued the cus- stand in the presence of God. It is a depend upon the material things of grand and inspiring sight to see hu- life, the Christian is able to "give ing the individual step by step up the counting gifts and blessings one is steep mountain side of difficulty until so apt to enumerate only those the summit of success is reached. But things which are pleasant and to him the self-made man on the mountain- desirable, whereas the trial, the aftop of his success must gaze still fliction, the misfortune may be the higher than himself and the eminent greatest possible blessing, as will place he occupies for the reason of his be clearly seen in after years. "All existence and his success. He is de- things work together for good to pendent upon God for life, for abilities, them that love God." The misforfor opportunities, whether he recog- tune and trials of a Joseph wrought nizes such relationship to his Creator, the salvation of his own family and of the nation of Egypt. The cruel who have seemingly done so much for edict of Pharaoh against the Hethemselves, surely it is true of those brew boy babies became the stepof us who occupy comparatively hum- ping stone of Moses to the 40 years ble and unknown spheres in life. These of training in the king's palace. The two points we wish to emphasize: The persecutions of the disciples at Jerusalem spread the glad Gospel message throughout the world. The prison walls of John Bunyan became marks the difference between super- the sacred temple within which the ficial thanksgiving and true thanks- inspired book of Pilgrim's Progress giving. It is all very well, or rather, was given birth. The Christian's it is not well at all, to in a general thanksgiving is not confined to one way talk about God as the Giver of all day in the year, but every day beof the rain and the sunshine, that He thanks are given "always, for all

and ripening, the fall of harvesting. tions. - We have seen that true and the wintertime of Nature's rest, thanksgiving involves recognition of heart to swell in humble gratitude to- and blessings. We have seen some- ment domain, they have hit upon the wards God for His gifts and His bless- thing of what dependence upon God means and what the recognition of In how far the spirit of Thanksgiv- His gifts implies. We now come to ing day celebration and even worship the third element in true thanksgivof to-day is a genuine expression of ing, namely: Recognition of recipgratitude towards God may be judged. rocal obligations. The one who properhaps, by our further analysis of fesses thankfulness for gifts rewhat constitutes true thanksgiving. ceived, and who feels that the mere Certain it is that the football games, expression of the lips is fulfillment the feasting and festivities, the fam- of all claims, is not really thankful ily reunions and the joy of congenial at all. The truly thankful heart is associations, the ballroom and parties | filled with an earnest purpose and and the thronged theaters are not desire to give expression to its gratthanksgiving. They may be incidents tude in some substantial way. David of the day which is set apart for the sings: "Enter into His gates with giving of thanks, but in no sense do thanksgiving, and into His courts they constitute the purpose of the day. with praise: Give thanks unto Him, The church services throughout the and bless His name." And here I land may give opportunity for the ex- believe he has implied practical ex-A spirit of true thankfulness on pression of true thanksgiving, but the pression of the thankfulness which the part of a dependent creature swelling anthem of the trained choir, is swelling within his heart. What must issue towards its benefactor if | the full-rounded prayer, the eloquent | David would have you do is this: there is to exist between the two the discourse of the picked speaker, the "Being thankful, enter into the gates communion. Ingratitude separates are not in and of themselves true Him by blessing His name." What are Do I hear some one say the

> churches and meeting houses, the into everlasting bliss" is blessing in the meeting house, if it has not thereof; the world and they that into the vast universe and includes the realm of the saints and the anrighteous business man, a devout and patriotic citizen, a faithful, affectionit means that wife and children, big in their lives because they are treadthing to enter the gates and courts of God! It does mean something to 'bless His name!" True thanksgiving must include recognition of reiprocal obligations every day and every moment of the life.

God's Claim Upon Us .- But what claim has God upon us for rendering unto Him thanksgiving and praise What claim has the faithful parent upon the child for grateful acknowledgment of the years of love and care? What claim have you upon that friend because of gifts, and multitudes were fed rang with the first propounded? Every claim which or unreasonable that man should recand it must recognize reciprocal ob-

A Great Scandal in Western Land Entries is About to Be Made Public.

WIDOWS OF UNION SOLDIERS INVOLVED.

They Are Alleged to Have Been Used as Instruments in the Perpetration of Gigantic Land Frauds-The Grand Jury at Omaha Probing the Matter.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 24.—Nebraska is on the eve of the greatest scandal the west has ever known. A scandal so wide-spreading and far-reaching that thousands of people from twenty or more states are concerned in its different ramifications. The conspiracy extends to officers and representatives of the United States and takes in business and professional men in many cities and states; but the sufferers will be the comparatively innocent. The United States grand jury, in session at Omaha, has had the matter laid before them and are now probing the scandal. Thousands of widows of union soldiers will probably be indicted for perjury and a number of the best-known business men and politicians of the west may be called upon to plead to the charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States. It is the old story of the cattle baron of the west and his efforts to keep out the small cattle raiser and the settler who comes west with the purpose of "homesteading" a farm for himself. But a new tack has been taken by these cattle kings. Instead of the usual way of running a long plan of inducing the widows of union soldiers to take up homesteads and sell their claims to the cattle raisers.

WATCHING THE WIDOWS.

Government Proposes to Prevent Land Frauds in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 24.-In future when a widow of a union soldier presents herself at a land office and attempts to file on a homestead, she will be rigidly examined to see that she is not in league with some cattl baron before her filing will be accepted.

Strict orders have been received at every land office in Nebraska, from Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, calling attention to the reports of wholesale frauds, which have been perpetrated on the government by the cattle kings, and ordering a strict investigation of all past entries and careful scrutiny of

The order says, in part: "It is reported that soldiers' widows have been transported in car lots from their homes in eastern states to the vicinity of the land wanted and all expenses paid by parties who induce them to make entries and who secure ease of land so entered. Land agents are ordered to report at once the names and addresses of all suspicious cases, and also the names of the cattlemen and their agents who are supposed to be behind the widows in their entries.'

Cel. John S. Mosby will go before the federal grand jury and to give information concerning the frauds. Mosby has made a thorough investigation, and is said to have the names of a number of cattlemen who are implicated. The land office records will show the names of the widows. A sensation is expected when the grand jury reports on its investigations and

FINISHING HIS MESSAGE.

President Roosevelt Putting the Finishing Touches on His Message to Congress.

Washington, Nov. 24.-President Roosevelt will put the finishing touches to his annual message to congress Tuesday. The document is practically completed now, but it is the president's desire finally to consult several of the leaders in both branches of congress as to one or two features of the message before he commits it to the hands of the printer.

This was a day of conferences at the executive offices. The president arrived in his office early, and soon was besieged by callers. With several senators and representatives he had engagements and denied himself to other callers.

During the morning the president had brief conferences with Senators Allison, of Iowa; Lodge, of Massachusetts;; Foster, of Washington; Quay, of Pennsylvania; Fairbanks, of Indiana; Stewart of Nevada: Me-Comas, of Maryland; Elkins, of West Virginia, and Gibson of Montana, and with Speaker Henderson and Representatives Connon, of Illinois: Bahcock, of Wisconsin; Boutell, of Illinois, and Landis of Indiana.

Nearly every one of the callers was with the president so short a time that no opportunity was afforded to discuss the important questions the consideration of which is involved in the message. Many of them announced as they left the executive offices that they had called merely to pay their respects.

Carrie Nation's Brother Dead.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24 .- J. V. Moore, aged 44, a well-known live stock commission man and a brother of Mrs. Carrie Nation, the reformer, died at his home here, Sunday, of heart disease.